



Southeast News

PUBLISHED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

VOLUME 24

JULY 1974

NUMBER 6

Elder Church Aids Tornado Victims

Demonstrating what a small, but nevertheless concerned and dedicated group of Christians can do, Elder Church in Dadeville, Al. was the scene of an ambitious fund raising project that, at this printing, has collected over \$4,000 for people in North Alabama who were victims of the recent wave of tornadoes.

Under the leadership of layman Curwood Jennings, members of the Elder Church planned and co-ordinated a Gospel Sing which was held on May 25 in the Montgomery Coliseum. Inviting popular quartets from the area and advertising through letter and over radio, the event was well received and well attended. After all ticket sales are accounted for, receipts may go well over the present figure.

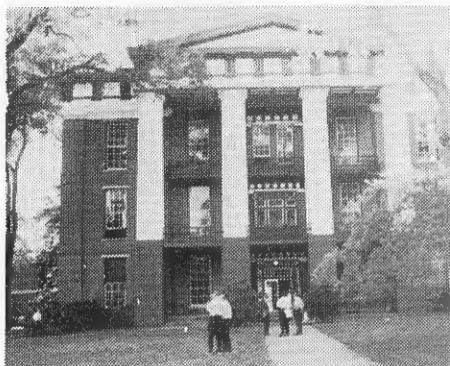
In a time when we all too often equate size with quality, the effort of the Elder Church stands out as an inspiring example of what a small church group can do with determination and an idea. With an active membership of some 35 people (including the children), the Elder Church reminds us that "wherever two or three are gathered in my name" the work of the church can be done!

Leaders Of Women's Fellowship Meet

The Annual Retreat of United Church of Christ Women in Alabama and Northwest Florida was held at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Alabama, on June 1, 1974. Using the theme, "We — Strangers No Longer," 85 people from 20 churches previewed the new study and worship materials for 1974-75. Inspirational messages were delivered by Dr. and Mrs. Albert I. Bagley, retired missionaries from Brazil, and Miss Gladys Varner of Birmingham. Special music was provided by several churches and a film was viewed from the Birmingham Library Film Service.

Singing, worshipping and eating together, the day began and ended with enthusiasm and pointed the way to leadership strengthened for 1974-75. Mrs. Joe A. French is the president.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEETS



Talladega College —
Site of Annual Meeting



Portion of 175 persons attending

Delegates Respond To Conference Theme:

"We Are Growing Together!"

This year's Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, held at Talladega College, Talladega, Al., June 8-9, exceeded expectations not only in regard to the number of participants, but in the enthusiasm with which they shared the concerns of the Conference.

Beginning with a service of song led by Brenda and David Chandler, this 8th Annual Meeting was further enhanced by the very site of the Conference. No stranger to the United Church of Christ, Talladega College — with its tree lined streets and spacious campus — was originally established through the efforts of the American Missionary Association under the auspices of the Congregational Church. With this in mind, the delegates were led to feel "at home in the class rooms, dining facilities and sleeping accommodations which the college provided.

To a Conference group of over 175 people — representing 45 churches, Dr. Howard E. Spragg delivered the keynote address, representing the hopes and concerns of our national leadership.

On a more local level, attention was focused on the local church and the avenues through which it can strengthen its mission. Divided into small groups, sessions were led by the Local Church Consultants whose leadership testified to

the capabilities of trained laity within our Conference.

The formal introduction of the needs, goals and aspirations of the 1776 Achievement Fund were also enthusiastically received under the direction of Co-Chairmen Franklin Thomas and Roland Kampmeier. Jam packed into the auditorium, the Conference gave serious consideration to the responsibilities of the Southeast Conference in this fund drive.

The Conference came to a close at noon on Sunday, June 9, with a communion service led by George Castillo. Typical of many of the delegates, one participant said, "I'm tired and hot, but the experience was more than worth it. You can count on seeing me next year!"

Thomasville Elects Elders

The Bethany Congregational Church of Thomasville, Georgia, ordained and installed the following as elders in the church on Sunday, May 5, 1974: Marvin Johnson, Forenza Chatmon, Oris Bryant, and Arthur Bryant. Junior Elders were also installed: Terry Scott and Wendell Coston. Various ministers of the community shared in this meaningful service, led by Artis Johnson, pastor of the church.

CENTRAL REJOICES AT PENTECOST!

What better reason to celebrate and rejoice — the birthday of the church — the presence of God's Spirit in the church today, giving us power to fulfill our mission in the world by carrying on the work of Jesus!

Central Church, Atlanta, celebrated Pentecost with a triple-headed service of worship, followed by a congregational party in fellowship hall on Sunday, June 2, 11:00 a. m.

"And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all together in one place" was the summons and invitation to the celebration. Included on the bill of fare for the day were: A communion service, baptism, reception of new members, and confirmation. Six members of the confirmation class were received as members, following the service of baptism; then, seven more new members were received into the church. Included in the worship were a number of contemporary songs, anthems by the choir, and special concerns and prayers for missionaries. To make the latter more real, each person received in a bulletin insert the name and short description of a missionary in a description of his purpose and field. As the prayers of concern were expressed by the minister, a pause was given for each one to name his missionary.

Following the service of worship, the congregation gathered around a table in the fellowship hall. In the center was a cake baked by one member in the shape of a church. Songs, such as "Sons of God," "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," "Pass My Love Around," "Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear," "Allelu! Allelu!," "This Little Light of Mine," and "Christ Is the Lord of the Smallest Atom" were shared around the table, with children, youth and adults. Finally, the beautiful cake was cut and shared by all, along with a cup of coffee or tea (punch for children), and general shalom reigned as greetings and concerns were shared by all. These people will remember that in 1974 they celebrated Pentecost in Central Church!

For the Jews of Jesus' day, the fiftieth day after Passover was a festival of thanksgiving for the harvest. As in our own nation, this came to be celebrated as a feast, commemorating the origins of the nation itself. The little band of apostles who had witnessed the death and resurrection of Jesus were filled with a new spirit of resurrection freedom. The harvest for which they gave thanks was all humanity. It is the church's joy and gift to live in the presence and power of this

CLASS FOR DEACONS, DEACONESSES

The Rev. David Chandler, Moderator of the Southern Alabama Area Council, conducted a class for deacons, deaconesses and ministers on May 17 at Pyron's Chapel in Baker, Fl. This followed a delightful meal prepared by the ladies of the church.

Attending the class were thirty-one people from the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association, representing the churches of Andalusia First, Andalusia Antioch, Baker Good Hope, Baker Pyron's Chapel, and Brantley Liberty.

Tracing our understanding of the word deacon to the Greek word *diakonos*, Rev. Chandler outlined the task of the deacon as that of joining hands with the continuing ministry of Paul, himself — of those who assisted him in the ministry of evangelism — and of Jesus Christ. In a word, this calls the deaconate to a ministry of caring in which one incarnates the Gospel through charity, exhortation of others in the faith and openly sharing ourselves one with another.

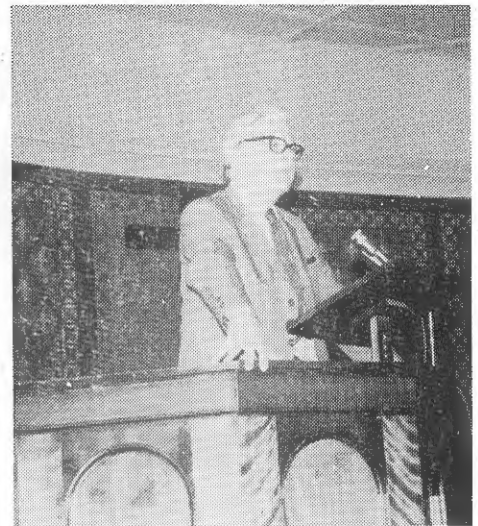
An "Un-Tourist" Tour Of The Holy Lands

Dr. Frank McCook, professor of Old Testament at LaGrange College and interim minister at the Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Ga., will conduct an "off-the-tourist-trail-tour" of the Holy Lands November 29 - December 8, 1974. Designed principally for participants of the Lay Ministry Program, the tour is open to anyone who might be interested in going. The sites which Dr. McCook plans to visit include Beer Sheba, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Kibbutz Yifaat (where he has spent parts of several summers) and many others.

Cost for the tour is \$799, with a down payment of \$150. If you are interested, please send all inquiries to Dr. C. Frank McCook in care of LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga.

Ordination Of Ken Iha Held In California

Rev. Kenneth K. Iha, former member of Central Church, Atlanta, and of the Georgia-S. C. Association, was ordained for the Christian ministry and installed as pastor of Montebello Plymouth Congregational on June 11, 1974 in the church, Montebello, California.



Howard Spragg

SPRAGG DELIVERS OPENING ADDRESS

The opening address to this year's annual meeting was delivered by Dr. Howard E. Spragg, executive vice-president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Focusing on the role of missions today, Dr. Spragg reflected on the shock experienced not only by society, but by the church as well in response to the suddenness of change created through our technical and financial institutions. But in reaction to the changes we see taking place in the church, he warned the Conference that we must not lose our nerve in seeking that vision of a redeemed community to which the church must constantly witness.

In response to our present situation, Spragg called upon us to take seriously the three fundamental purposes to which the word "mission" refers. In the first instance, we are called to preach the gospel, but in a variety of ways. Secondly our mission as a church is not individual, but communal in the sense that we must never forget that we are a "community of believers." Finally, we are called to seek the fruits of our faith in active deeds of reconciliation and love.

Brookmeade Dedicates Worship Center

As part of their celebration of Pentecost, the Brookmeade UCC Church dedicated a new Worship Center, made possible by the renovation of the old church school building.

Included in the service were Communion, receiving of the Confirmation Class as members, sermon, "New Wine" by Bill Hiles, and the Litany of Dedication.

Following the service a pot luck lunch was shared by all in family style.

1776 ACHIEVEMENT FUND OUTLINED

Underscoring its theme of "Equality through Education," the 1776 Achievement Fund goals for the Southeast Conference were ably explained to the delegates of the Annual Meeting by Co-Chairman Franklin Thomas and Roland Kampmeier, with the assistance of Area Counselor Harold Rucker.

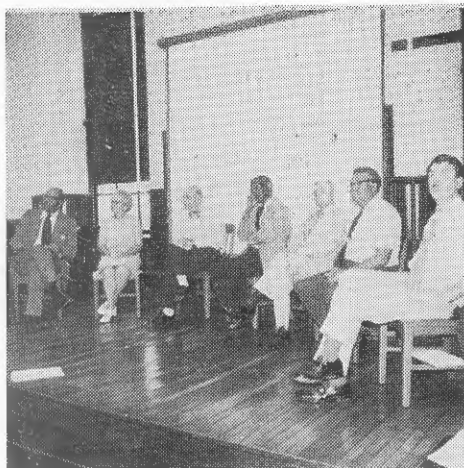
As outlined to the Conference, the 1776 Achievement Fund is an effort of the United Church to raise some 17 million dollars to aid educational institutions both at home and abroad which fundamentally serve those people suffering the inequities of racial injustice. The 1776 Fund recognizes that quality education can make the difference between entrapment and making one's full contribution to mankind.

While part of the 1776 campaign is designated for improving and sustaining educational institutions overseas, the broad majority of funds are to be used to help sustain six colleges which have a unique and continuing relationship with the United Church of Christ.

The uniqueness of this relationship is to be attributed to the historical nature and origin of these six colleges.

Through the Congregational efforts of the American Missionary Association — through which the United Church works today — these six colleges were the result of a much broader program by the AMA to provide education for newly-freed slaves in the post-war period of the 1860's. Of some 500 educational institutions which the AMA established, several became fully accredited colleges, six of which are still related to the AMA. These six colleges, of which Talladega College — site of this year's Annual Conference — is one, can be considered as uniquely "our own." Their future as well as the future of the United Church cannot be separated.

Hence, as 1776 Co-Chairman Franklin Thomas emphasized, our relationship to these six colleges is a continuing one. In a decade when small, private colleges are struggling financially for their very survival, never has this continuing relationship been more important. Thru the efforts of the 1776 Achievement Fund, we can insure that the special role which our denominational forefathers envisioned for these six institutions — can be continued. With our help, these six colleges can — with renewed resources — continue their demonstrated expertise in educating youth of inadequate training, preparing them emotionally, educationally and spiritually to become leaders in the world. Addressing the Conference, Talladega Dean Milton Hurst stressed the special role these colleges play in educating young



"Reactor" Panel — 1776 Presentation

people from inadequate circumstances — a role that has not and cannot be repeated in larger private and state universities.

In an age of technological expansion and growing indifference, the 1776 Achievement Fund can insure that those from less than adequate means can continue to benefit from the excellence in education that these six colleges provide. Within this effort, the Southeast Conference has a special role to play. Located within the boundaries of the Conference are three of the six AMA related colleges, which include Talladega, Fisk University (Nashville, Tenn) and LeMoyne-Owen College (Memphis, Tenn.) As recipients of the 1776 Campaign, the Southeast Conference therefore has an unusual opportunity of "leading the way" by surpassing its 1776 Conference goal of \$89,455. During September, Area Counselor Harold Rucker looks forward to speaking with you concerning ways in

Nominating Committee Report

As voted by the Conference, the following changes were adopted in the 1974 Nominating Committee report:

Secretary	
Mrs. Larry Thompson	1975
Members at Large to the Board of Directors	
Arnold Slater	1977
General Synod Delegate	
David Chandler	1977
Representatives to: Urban Training Center	
James Lindskoog	1976
Commissions	
—Church and Ministry Asst. Co-ordinator	
Homer McEwen	1976
—Education Co-ordinator	
Mrs. Marion Cameron	1976
—Outreach Co-ordinator	
Mrs. Jackie Shrago	1976



Southeast Conference 1776 Co-Chairman,
Franklin Thomas

which the members of your congregation can help in this denominational campaign. In a theme which he stressed to the delegates, Harold Rucker reminded us "that the local church is the heart and soul of the 1776 Campaign."

Communication From Stewardship Council

Recently, key lay leaders of each church received a very important communication from the Stewardship Council. Since the Ninth General Synod was concerned about support for the total mission, it requested each local church to:

(a) Plan and conduct a program to educate its members in a refreshed understanding of stewardship and the local wider mission of the church.

(b) Plan and conduct a well-organized process of challenging each member or family to give for the total mission of the church as least \$1.00 per week for every \$1,000 of annual income.

(c) Raise its budget for Our Christian World Mission an additional 5 percent.

Key lay leaders should do five things:

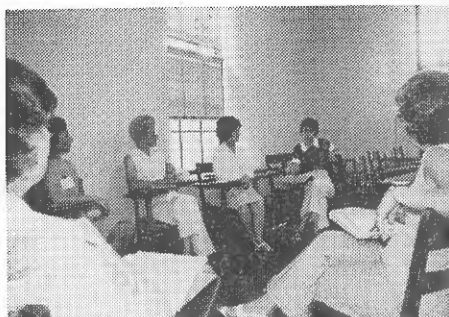
(1) Ask the pastor or others to give you the Stewardship Council Packet.

(2) Examine the contents and ask others in stewardship to do the same.

(3) Decide together with the pastor what efforts the congregation should make in 1974.

(4) Order materials to help increase the church's income.

(5) Follow through on plans.



Let's Grow Together — Through Strengthening The Local Church

One of the highlights of this year's Annual Meeting was three sessions in which the conference delegates were invited to "Grow Together" through participation in a new and exciting United Church project entitled "Strengthening the Local Church."

In response to the Mission Priority adopted by the Eighth General Synod of the United Church on strengthening the local church, the project entitled "Strengthening the Local Church" was initiated in June, 1972 by the Council for Lay Life and Work. The project seeks to increase the organizational effectiveness of local congregations by helping those churches establish goals and objectives, develop work strategies and learn the skills necessary for implementation. In the words of our Conference Minister, W. J. Andes, "... here is a way of moving from vague wishes and good intentions to specific, identifiable, and tangible programs to strengthen a local church."

Implementation of the program, in which leadership theory and skills are shared with both the pastor and the laity, is dependent upon specially trained teams of church consultants who conduct training sessions in the local church. In the Southeast Conference, twenty-four members of the Conference have been trained as church consultants. Meeting for two intense sessions at Camp Calvin in Hampton, Ga., these twenty-four church consultants are now prepared to lead the churches of the Conference through

sessions of self-examination in order that goals for short and long-range planning might be better determined.

Delegates to the Conference were introduced to the methods and resulting ideas of the "Local Church" program in a series of three sessions during the Conference. Divided into fourteen groups, each group being led by one of our trained church consultants, delegates became involved in discussion concerning the primary goal of the church which they represent and the methods through which that goal could be implemented as well as communicated.

Using the techniques of Faith Exploration, groups — such as those pictured above — contemplated concrete ways in which their church might better communicate the Gospel message.

During the Conference worship service on Sunday morning, our Conference church consultants were commissioned by Dr. W. J. Andes, Conference Minister. The consultants now stand willing to initiate the "Local Church" program in churches in our Conference willing to explore the direction which their church can take in ministering to their local community.

Preparations and plans for the "Local Church" program can be made through the Conference office.

LANETT CHURCH HONORS CUSTODIAN

Lanett Church, Lanett, Al., voted to give to the Roosevelt Walkers a gift of \$50 in recognition of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and in appreciation for the twenty years "Boots" has been serving as custodian.

By vote of the church, HOMECOMING SUNDAY will be celebrated on August 11th, the day with which they begin their revival.

Mrs. Harold Auler (wife of the minister) suffered a mild heart attack over the weekend of May 31. She is recovering and resting at home.

Retiring Ministers Honored

On Saturday evening, Dr. David Beebe eloquently summarized the contributions of three ministers retiring from the active ministry. Receiving citations for their many years of devoted service were: John Enwright, minister of the Plymouth Church in Charleston, S. C.; Karlton Johnson, Stewardship Advisor for the Southern Region; and Dr. Larry Johnson, minister of Pilgrim Church in Birmingham, Al.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS

The Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference met on June 8, 1974 at Talladega College prior to the opening session of the 1974 Annual Meeting. Wallace Boothby, moderator, presided. Dr. Howard Spragg of the Board for Homeland Ministries was present and shared some thoughts with the Board.

Actions of the Board included:

1. Discussion and vote to ask the Conference to consider meeting at the Historic Midway Church, Midway, Ga., for the bi-centennial anniversary of the United States. It was explained that Midway is a Congregational church with a rich heritage dating back to pre-revolutionary days. Two signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of this church which also claims the membership of numerous governors and statesmen.

2. Expressions of regret in the death of Mr. Paul Beaird and appreciation for his many years of faithful service to the Board and Conference.

3. A letter of appreciation to Emily Lester for her contributions to us in Lay, Life and Work and expressions of concern for improvement in her health.

4. Vote to ratify the General Synod's change in terminology replacing the word "person" for "man."

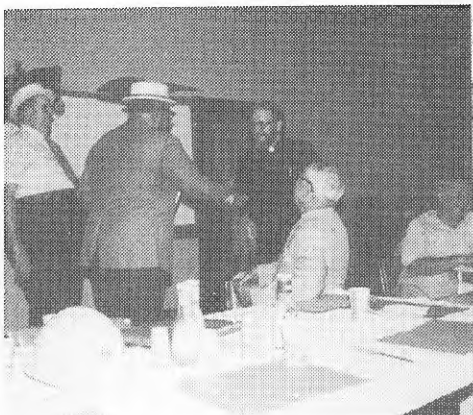
5. Thanksgiving for the 1973 \$3,838 increase in OCWM giving over 1972, a 10.4 percent increase.

6. The projects and programs of the staff and commissions for 1973-74 were commended. Encouragement was given to both the Long Range Planning Staff and the Commissions to continue with their work.

Board For Homeland Ministries Appeal

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has made a special "Spring Appeal" for gifts and bequests which will enable it to continue the many programs and avenues of ministry from which our churches benefit. With only two-fifths of the Board's budgeted income coming from the local church, heavy reliance must be placed on other channels of income such as current gifts and bequests of persons remembering the Board in their wills.

At present the Board for Homeland Ministries is facing many uncertainties regarding their financial future. Without adequate resources, it will be, at best, difficult for the Board to confront its many challenges. If you or your church is willing to help, please inquire through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 287 Park Avenue South, N. Y., N. Y. 10010.



David Beebe is honored

Religious Education Director Hired

Russell Woods Church in Phenix City, Al. has hired David Hendrix, a student at LaGrange College, as director of Christian education, beginning May 28. He is to live in the church and be full time for the summer.

JOHNSONS RETIRE

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Johnson have moved from the parsonage of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, to their new house at 1430 John Wesley Circle, Birmingham, Al. 35210 and will be living in the retirement community at Fair Haven.

Their retirement from the active pastorate begins August 1, 1974. We wish them well and pray for their continued ministry in a new and different way.

Rev. Ralph Galt, a teacher at Miles College and a member of Pilgrim Church in Birmingham, Alabama, has been selected for a summer of study in India, all expenses paid.



Buddy Noles conducting the
OTU Orchestra

OLE THERMOMETER U CONFERS DEGREES

The annual graduation exercises for Ole Thermometer U opened with the singing of the Alma Mater led by our off campus dean, Warner Noles. Professor David Chandler at the piano playing on both the black and white keys. The college orchestra huffed and puffed on tissue and combs with Bubba Dollar Jew's harping along side. Harmony was systematically illusive.

President Homer McEwen and Dean Warren Blankenhorn, in their college regalia, conferred four degrees. Those being dubiously honored were Larry Johnson with Master of Demonology, Steve Gray, Doctor of Homiletic Gymnastics; John Enwright, Doctor of Ischial Callosity; and David Beebe, Doctor of Obfuscation. Never has the "old chartreuse and plaid" had a more extinguished gaggle of graduates. Each one agreed that these honors couldn't have been conferred on more deserving clerics.

President McEwen explained to the assembled audience and well-wishers how each degree spoke to the personality of the candidate. Dean Blankenhorn admonished the parting graduate to go and sin no more.

P. K. Kneez, College Reporter



Larry Johnson receives degree from
President Homer McEwen,
Dean Warren Blankenhorn

First Church, Savannah, Has Women's Day

Mrs. Mary H. McWilliams of Memphis, Tennessee, a member of the United Church Task Force on the Role of Women in Church and Society, was guest speaker at First Congregational Church on historic Whitfield Square in Savannah, Ga. The occasion was the celebration of Women's Day, May 19, 1974.

Mrs. McWilliams, a member of Second Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Memphis, is an instructor of mathematics at Memphis Technical High School. She is very much involved in promoting quality education in Memphis.

Theme for the day was "We . . . Strangers No Longer." The program was under the direction of Miss Augusta Pettie and her program committee. Miss Felisha Gwyn was the soloist for the day, and other women of the church shared in the service of worship.

Rev. Neil A. Moseley is the pastor.

THE SOUTHEAST NEWS

Second-Class Postage Paid at
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Published monthly October and
November; February to July, inclusive;
bi-monthly August-September and
December-January, by and for
the churches of the

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

The United Church of Christ
2684 Clairmont Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30329

Telephone: 404:633-5655

Subscription Rate \$1.00 Per Year

Printed by The Roanoke Leader

Roanoke, Alabama

Vol. 24 July 1974 No. 6

POSTMASTER: Send Form 3579 to
P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329

NEWS NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carlton have moved to Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Dr. Carlton served 16 years as executive vice-president of the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ, with offices in New York. He and his wife, Mary, retired from that post in 1971. Before coming to the World Board, the Carltons were missionaries in Turkey and Syria.

(Community Church Courier, 5-5-74)

During the vacation month of Dr. S. L. Johnson, pastor of Birmingham Pilgrim Church, the following will preach at the 10:00 o'clock services of worship:

July 7, Dr. Kenneth Manning, member of Pilgrim Church

July 14, Rev. K. C. Johnson, Southern Regional Secretary, Stewardship Council, U. C. C.

July 21, Rev. Julian L. Hill, member of Pilgrim Church

July 28, Dr. W. J. Andes, Conference Minister, Southeast Conference, U. C. C.

Rev. Donald P. Flick, minister of the United Church in Knoxville, Tenn., attended graduation ceremonies at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., on May 10, where he received his Master of Divinity degree in exchange for the Bachelor of Divinity degree which he had received previously.

MAKE 17-76 A REAL ACHIEVEMENT

The 17-76 Achievement Fund is our denomination-wide, three-year campaign to raise \$17,000,000 for support of the six American Missionary Association colleges in the United States and for educational enterprises overseas which serve the cause of racial justice.

The AMA colleges (Dillard, Fish, Houston-Tillotson, LeMoyne-Owen, Talladega, and Tougaloo) have worked for the liberation of black people for over a century. While historically related to the United Church of Christ and continuously supported by the church through funds invested in their behalf, these colleges have been largely bypassed by philanthropy and now find themselves running current or cumulative deficits. New programs and projects aimed at overcoming the effects of racial and ethnic discrimination abroad are in similar financial difficulty. To meet this situation, the Grand Rapids General Synod in 1971 authorized a campaign to raise \$17,000,000 by 1976, hence the name: 17-76 Achievement Fund.

Thus far, a total of nearly \$300,000 has been received by the national office of the Achievement Fund. This exceeds the cash flow which has been projected earlier for this time. It should be remembered that the congregations of only sixteen U. C. C. conferences have yet participated in the campaign. The churches of an additional twenty-two conferences are scheduled to begin participation this spring.

Southeast Conference began its participation in 17-76 in May, 1974.

CENTRAL REJOICES...

(From Page 2)

Spirit.

Pentecost is a time to rejoice as we celebrate the presence of God's Spirit in the church today, giving us power to fulfill our mission in the world by carrying on the work of Jesus.

Part of that mission is accomplished by individuals participating in the congregation's worship and ministries to people, living the gospel in our own family and on the job, working to make society more just and more truly human.

Part of that mission is done by each congregation working in its community. But the wider mission can only be done by congregations working together through the Conference, the General Synod, and the national Agencies of the United Church of Christ. We call this cooperative work Our Christian World Mission, or OCWM for short.

(C. A.)



A healthy, well-fed child is a blessing to any mother. But on the Island of Cebu in the Philippines where this woman lives, too many children, too little food and too few medical facilities are the rule. Between twenty and thirty percent of all pregnancies currently are ended by abortions.

What Can I Do?

Forty-six persons, representing 21 UCC churches of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, visited Indian reservations of the Sioux tribe and UCC related colleges in Nebraska and South Dakota, Aug. 18 through 24.

They saw the results of the efforts of early Congregationalists at Yankton College and Chadron College, as well as the continuing work of today.

They heard 11 members of Bazile Creek UCC Church praise the Lord with a solo, hymns and chanting of the 23rd Psalm in their Dakota tongue. "What can I, only one person, do?" was answered for them by talking to Hampton Andrews, a UCC lay minister who, with only 2 years of elementary education and 1 year of trade school, has organized a Cattleman's Association, opened a fair-price grocery store, worked with alcoholics, and is now planning a home for abandoned Indian children.

They had a close-up of the devastation of the June 1972 flood and shared insight of the effect of persons during the siege of recent months by a guided tour through Pine Ridge, Wounded Knee, and Ogalla District.

Lillie DeMetz, Kinsley, Kans.
Women's Fellowship President

New UCC Hymnal Combines Old, New

"We believe," say the editors, "that the new UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HYMNAL is one of the first attempts to create a hymnal that is intentionally ecumenical for our day and age." The Consultation on Ecumenical Hymnody, representing many diverse denominations including The United Church of Christ, has compiled a list of hymns that are in common use within these several denominations. A list is available in the Conference office, or a duplication could be ordered from United Church Press, Phila.

The first United Church of Christ Hymnal is not just another hymnal, but it combines the traditional with the new — old favorites, contemporary, folk and spiritual. Words and music are in clear, easy-to-read and sing type. Its contents represent the unity and the spirit of the United Church of Christ heritage.

One of the exciting concepts of the new hymnal is that the hymns will be arranged to follow the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. Many helpful indexes are included, among them being metrical index, hymn tune index, index of scripture on which some of the hymns are based, topical index, and an alphabetical index of first lines.

New versions of the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Sanctus, and the Gloria in Excelsis were prepared by the International Consultation on English in the Liturgy, composed of Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in countries where English is spoken.

Approximately 300 hymns are listed, Service Music, prayers, litanies, Ecumenical Lectionary, etc.

An 11" x 17" bulletin board announcement is available, plus special offering envelopes and gummed presentation labels.

Henderson Installed

On March 24, 1974, Rebecca Henderson was installed as Worthy Advisor in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Dream Assembly No. 120 in Crestview, Florida.

Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Henderson of Baker, Florida, and a member of Good Hope Congregational Church. Rebecca is secretary and treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the S-Al, Northwest Florida Association.